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Congregation to Receive UAHC Charter

Report From The Treasurer

FROM A FISCAL VIEWPOINT, the High Holy Days traditionally start in August for Sha'ar Zahav. At that time we must begin to pay the bills for the extraordinary expenses that are incurred as we prepare to usher in the New Year. In spite of having these additional expenses, our cash flow in August was satisfactory. We collected revenues of almost \$5,200 and incurred approximately \$5,400 in expenses. Much of the revenue consisted of healthy donations to the Pushke at Shabbat services, as well as many members completing their 1981-82 pledges and beginning payment on their pledges for 1982-83. We were also happy to realize a profit of \$300 from recent fundraising events, such as the T-shirt sale at the Seventh International Conference in Los Angeles. All of our committees are functioning and keeping within their budgets.

We anticipate that September will be our most costly month, as a result of High Holy Day advertising, rental expenses, and the printing of our new and long-awaited Rosh Hashanah Machsor. The cost of these additional items will be \$5,500. Though we are continuing our policy of not charging for High Holy Day services, we rely heavily on the generous donations of those people attending the services. We hope for and encourage your financial as well as personal commitment to Sha'ar Zahav during this season and throughout the coming year. From the treasurer to all of you: L'Shana Tovah; a year of prosperity, health and peace for all of us.

—Allan Gold

Women's Havurah

The Women's Havurah will meet on Saturday, October 16, for a morning workshop service and pot-luck brunch at 10 a.m. at the home of Leila Raim, 197 Beaumont, corner of Turk, 1 block east of Stanyan in San Francisco. The Shabbat morning service will be followed by a brunch prepared by the participants. All women are welcome and urged to attend. Please leave your name and phone number with the Synagogue office, 921-7612, and you will be contacted regarding menu.

AT SHABBAT SERVICES on Friday evening, October 1, our Congregation will receive its charter of membership in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The charter will be presented by Rabbi Morris Hershtman, Director of the UAHC Regional Office. The formal presentation represents the successful conclusion of our decision-making process to affiliate with the national movement of Reform Congregations.

Since the establishment of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav six years ago, we have utilized many of the liturgical texts, program services and support services of the Union to enhance our congregational life. Representatives of the Congregation, including Paul Cohen, Cheryl Orvis, Rob Montague and Rabbi Allan Bennett attended last year's Biennial meeting of the UAHC in Boston, and returned with many new program ideas and materials.

The Union is the largest organization of congregations in North America. As a congregational member, we participate in a variety of activities and programs which support the continued advance of modern Judaism in our community. Opportunities exist for enhancement of women's programming, children's and adult education and social action projects on the local, national and international scenes.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is the third congregation serving the gay and lesbian community to become affiliated with the UAHC. Our sibling congregations in Los Angeles and Miami, UAHC members, participate actively in the local and national commissions and programs of the of the Union. Interest is currently being expressed for affiliation by congregations in Chicago and Philadelphia. Though the UAHC national office is in New York City, the Pacific Northwest Regional office, directed by Rabbi Hershtman, is located in San Francisco. Other UAHC-affiliated congregations in San Francisco include Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Sherith-Israel and Congregation Beth-Israel Judea.

Join us on this historic occasion and celebrate with us the beginning of the Sukkot Festival, commemorating the wandering in the desert of our ancestors. It is to be hoped that our search for a "Home of Our Own" will be successfully realized during the New Year. This year we will make Kiddush and motzei in the beautifully decorated Sukkah in the courtyard of the Jewish Community Center; next year in "Our Own Home."

President's Column

KEEPING OUR MEMBERS and friends informed of "synagogue"—the goings-on of the Congregation and its administration—is a primary purpose of this column. This month, as we begin the New Year 5743, I will depart from this purpose in order to honor and give credit to some of the many people who, through action, have demonstrated commitment and effective use of those elusive commodities: time and energy. So special thank yous to:

Walt Leiss for being such a mensch, for sticking with our Building Campaign through more negotiations and roadblocks than he (and we!) ever imagined, and for providing our joyous, beautiful and delicious High Holy Day Oneg and Break-the-Fast;

Dr. Shelly Fernandez whose generosity and kindness in donating desperately needed office equipment will enable us to respond far more efficiently to our members' needs;

Don Albert who has participated in important committee work, has provided counsel and has now given us our own beautiful Shofar;

Dan Chesir, Shamir Ophel, Bernard Pechter, honored founders and dear and trusted friends;

Dr. Mike Rankin, who gives more of his time and life to this Congregation than seems possible;

Paul Cohen, past president who is ready to pitch in, whether that means negotiating on behalf of the Building Campaign or schlepping cartons.

Alan Schrager who has been a one-man computer show for us and who has never turned this Congregation down, even when he knew and we knew that we were asking too much;

Ritual Committee—Garry Koenigsberg, Laurie Radovsky, Leslie Bergson, Cathy Nelson and Daniel Chesir for coordination and provision of services throughout the year and now for our marvelous Machzor which represents a creative and spiritual feat of a nature unapralleled by any congregation anywhere;

Mike Freedland, bulwark of our incredibly productive committee system;

Bruce Katz, the only person who can approach Laurie Radovsky's record of total involvement in Congregational life so soon after joining;

Cherie Kollender who does the work of two people at all times;

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All newsletter copy is due on the 10th of the month. It should be sent to the Synagogue office, PO Box 5640, San Francisco 94101, marked to the attention of the *Forward*.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Charles Norton (chair), Larry Chandler (editor), Glenn Friedman, and Catherine Nelson.

The display advertising rate is \$10 per column inch, prepaid, with a frequency discount of 10% for six or more insertions. The advertising deadline is the 15th of the month. Ads should be camera ready. Any advertising that requires typesetting, camera and/or artwork is subject to a one-time production charge. Advertising copy must be sent to the Synagogue Office, PO Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101. For more information on advertising, call Glenn Friedman, 239-1468 or Larry Chandler, 621-6764.

Oneg Committee—Dr. Mark Drusin, Lenny Brill and Shelly Spiro for performing the important work of coordinating and providing Onegs consistently of the highest quality and warmest ambiance;

Va'ad officers and members who are all responsible, dedicated and concerned;

Bikur Cholim Committee—Dr. Betty Kalis and Steve Berman for all their work on behalf of the Congregation's members and especially for the High Holy Day Outreach to elderly Jews of the Tenderloin;

Jerry Rosenstein, our "man for all seasons" and as many jobs, all done well and efficiently;

Ernie Weinstein who volunteers and successfully performs important behind-the-scenes tasks which don't often provide the kind of public recognition he deserves;

Leila Raim who is always everywhere, helping everyone do everything that needs to be done;

Dr. Alita Rosenfeld, membership committee co-chair and a moving force of the Gay Olym... Games; and to two non-members:

Arthur Lazere, C.P.A., president of the National Association of Business Councils, one of the most significant organizations that the gay community has ever seen;

Dan Bradley, Esq., former director of the Legal Services Corporation, whose public "coming out" and present full-time legal work and fundraising on behalf of the gay community is without precedent.

And finally, I want to congratulate and thank the new members of the Va'ad appointed by their colleagues: **Al Baum, Jr., Mark Feldman, Gordon Osser and Leila Raim**. Thank you to all the other nominees as well for your commitment to serve.

To everyone whose name appears in this newsletter and in succeeding issues—thank you for all that you do. Through your demonstrated commitment, you have blessed our Congregation and our community.

—Cheryl Orvis

September Va'ad Report

PARTICULARS of synagogue and committee operations received much attention at the September Va'ad meeting. The Va'ad passed a resolution affirming the need to hold down costs by utilizing donated space for the Congregation's office. The office has recently been moved into the home of Treasurer Allan Gold, with a new phone number, 921-7612.

Cheryl Orvis, President, announced that Shelley Fernandez has generously donated a professional copying machine to the Congregation. The need for a good electric typewriter still exists, however.

The Va'ad also passed resolutions concerning the Membership and Oneg committees. A resolution was approved calling for people seeking reactivation of prior membership to complete or receive a formal adjustment (through the treasurer) on any unfulfilled membership dues pledges, prior to reactivation of membership. The Va'ad also approved a policy whereby Va'ad members will sponsor one Oneg each month as a way of honoring a particular Congregational committee.

Much appreciation was expressed by the Va'ad to David Gass for stepping in on short notice to coordinate the three High Holy Days Onegs and to Paul Herbert for similarly coordinating membership materials and tables.

Mike Rankin, Vice-President, reported that he plans to meet soon in New York with Rabbi Schoolman of the UAHC to begin to discuss the recently published *Torah* (and commentaries). An *ad hoc* committee of the Va'ad is currently reviewing this publication regarding a concern for the manner in which homosexuality is addressed in the commentaries on the Book of Leviticus.

The Forward Needs Your Help

Producing the *Forward* each month is a very rewarding, though time-consuming task. The newsletter committee, however, would like to spend more time making the publication of Sha'ar Zahav even better. But all the plans of the committee will come to nothing without your help.

The following volunteer positions are open. We would very much like to have someone experienced in layout and paste-up to put in approximately 3 hours a month assembling the paper just before it goes to the printer. A person with a light-table would be ideal, but not essential.

We need more writers! Specifically, we need people who have a knowledge of and interest in the various holidays to write articles relating to the celebrations of the calendar. We also would like someone to write articles on religious affairs.

Do you read other periodicals and are good with a scissors? Why not cut out articles of interest to the gay and lesbian Jewish community and send them to us? We will reprint those of greatest interest to our members.

Cooks Wanted! We would like to start printing the favorite recipes of our members, with an eye to possibly publishing the best of them in a fundraising cookbook. With Hanukah coming up in a few months, wouldn't it be nice to have three delicious and original recipes for potato latkes?

The *Forward* would like to begin a picture file. Anyone interested in becoming a picture librarian?

Idea people. What would you like to see in the *Forward* and what can you do to help bring those ideas into being?

All members who are interested in making the *Forward* the best it can possibly be are urged to attend the newsletter committee meeting the second Wednesday of each month. In October, the meeting will be held on the 13th at the home of Leila Raim, 197 Beaumont, corner of Turk, one block east of Stanyan, at 7 p.m. 751-1576.

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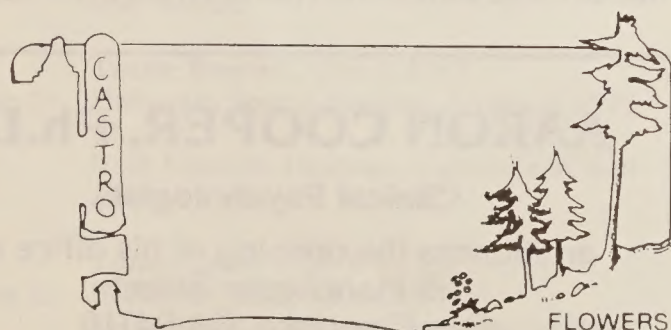
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Rally for Soviet Jewry

THE SAN FRANCISCO Bay Area's annual Simchat Torah Soviet Jewry rally will be held on Sunday, October 17, at 1 p.m. in front of the Soviet Consulate, 2790 Green Street in San Francisco. The rally will be preceded by a march to the consulate from the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street, beginning at 12 noon. (Parking is available for marchers at the Fireman's Fund lot across the street from the center.)

This year's march and rally is being held to dramatize the worsening plight of Soviet Jews. During the past year, more Soviet Jews were arrested than in the previous four years combined, and the emigration rate was cut by more than 95%. More than 1,000 people are expected to join in the march and rally to express their outrage at the ongoing and increasing oppression of Soviet Jews.

Highlights of the rally will include dramatic and musical presentations, well-known speakers and a performance by Eshkoliot, a popular Bay Area Jewish musical group. Israeli dancing in front of the consulate will take place at the conclusion of the rally. Food will be available for purchase at both the center and the rally site.

The annual Simchat Torah Soviet Jewry rally is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry, Temple Isaiah of Lafayette and the Board of Rabbis of Northern California. For more information, call 391-4655.

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A Home of Our Own!

IT IS OVER A YEAR now since I started writing this column about the Congregation's building campaign. I had hoped at that time that we would be further down the negotiations turnpike. Unfortunately, in dealing with a project of the magnitude of the building at 1881 Bush St., the going has been rough. The Building Campaign activists feel that the overall process of negotiations for the Bush St. site has moved in the right direction. Each step achieved, though, has taken longer than anticipated.

The vision that so many of us share of our Congregation in a home of our own is as vivid and alive as ever. It takes imagination to see beyond the current state of disrepair of this beautiful, architecturally unique and historical structure.

At the same time, our first priority is to the membership of our Congregation and not to a building. If we feel that we need to re-evaluate our position and pursue other options, we will actively do so.

On other Building Campaign matters: we were unsuccessful this year in obtaining the annual grant of city Community Development Funds. In light of the fact that we are *not* in an exclusive negotiating rights position with the Redevelopment Agency (owners of the site), this new development is basically a technicality. We will certainly apply for these funds again in the future.

The committees that are in operation or are being set up to handle the Building Campaign have much work to do. In the future, there will be major fundraising efforts both within the Congregation (in terms of new members and collections) and in other supportive communities. There is a need for special events, publicity and hard work.

Committee chairs will be seeking support from hard workers (that's you!) in the near future. Please look at this as an opportunity to make a special contribution of your time and energy for our home of our own. —*Mark Feldman*

Candidates' Nights

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV, together with 12 other Bay Area gay religious organizations, will sponsor two Candidates' Nights in October. One will be for candidates for Congress, the other for the Board of Supervisors.

Both evenings are planned to give the candidates a chance to address the concerns of the gay religious communities as well as more general issues that affect the lives of all residents of California and the Bay Area. The Candidates' Nights is a response to accusations by the Moral Majority and other right-wing groups that gay people take no part in community involvement. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is proud to take part in these events which clearly state our concern with community affairs.

The first evening, scheduled for Sunday, October 10, will be for the Congressional candidates. Attending will be all four candidates for the U.S. Congress: Phillip Burton, Milton Marks, Barbara Boxer and Dennis McQuaid. It will be an excellent opportunity to question the candidates on what they would be doing in Washington specifically for the gay and lesbian community.

The second evening, scheduled for October 24, will be for the San Francisco supervisorial candidates. All 15 candidates have been invited.

Both evenings are free of charge and will take place at Trinity Church, Bush and Gough from 7 to 10 p.m. For further information, contact Bruce Katz, 929-8479.

Friday Evening Forum Begins

WANT AN OPPORTUNITY to meet with the movers and shakers in the gay, lesbian and general Bay Area communities? Want to give them a piece of your mind or just say "thanks for a job well done!"? Here's your chance.

During October, the Congregation will begin a series of bi-monthly after-oneg lecture/dialogues with people who are making a difference in the world. We'll invite prominent (and soon-to-be prominent) Jewish leaders, politicians, and experts in health and education, speaking on a variety of subjects.

If there is someone you'd particularly like to have invited to the Forum, please contact Mike Rankin or any officer or Board member. They'll do their best to comply.

On October 1, Rabbi Morris M. Hershman, Regional Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Northern California Council, will present to Sha'ar Zahav its UAHC Charter. He will also speak on "The Increasing Power and Visibility of Lesbian and Gay Jews in the Jewish Community from a Non-Gay Rabbi's Perspective."

On October 14, Sheriff Mike Hennessy will speak on "Lesbians and Gay Men in Law Enforcement."

Please mark your calendars for the first two of these very special and important programs.

Essay Contest

The Second Annual Connie Belin Memorial Essay Contest, sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is now accepting applications, which must be submitted prior to November 1. This year's topic is "Great Jewish Contributions to North American Society." There are three divisions, grades 10 to 12, College (undergraduate) and adult. A grand prize of \$3,000 will be awarded, in addition to divisional awards.

For further information and an application, write to Connie Belin Memorial Essay Contest, UAHC Department of Education, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York 10021. Indicate which division you will be entering.

Onegs in Seattle

Congregation Tikvah Chadashah has developed an interesting idea for sponsoring Onegs. Each member of the congregation and those non-members who attend services regularly are assigned a date to be responsible for an entire Oneg. If a person is unable to attend the assigned date, a change with someone else is possible. This way, the congregation has found that there are Onegs for each Shabbat and that an undue burden is not placed on just a few members.

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Softball game and picnic Rally for Soviet Jewry	18	Bikur Cholim 921-7612	20	21	22
Supervisory Candidates Night	25	26	27	28	Mike Rankin talks on trip to Middle East
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Ritual Calendar

Friday, October 1	Torah: Special Readings Lev. 22:26-23:44; Num. 29:12-16. Haftarah: Special Reading Zechariah 14 Erev Sukkot Services, Ritual Committee and Friends, Presentation of UAHC Charter
Friday, October 8	Torah: Special Readings. Deut. 14:22-16:17; Num. 29:35-39 Haftarah: Special Readings. I Kings 8:54-66 Simchat Torah Service, Ritual Committee and Friends
Friday, October 15	Torah: Bereshit. Gen. 1:1-6:8 Haftarah: Special Reading. I Samuel 20:18-42. Rosh Chodesh Heshvan, Catherine Nelson & Marc Lipschutz, services
Friday, October 22	Torah: Noah. Gen. 6:9-11:32 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5 Leslie Bergson & Marc Lipschutz, services
Friday, October 29	Torah: Lekh Lekha. Gen. 12:1-17:27 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16 Michah Sabraw & Paul Cohen, services

New Phone Number

Please make a note of the Congregation's new telephone number: 921-7612.

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.

Outreach Service

Services are held in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the chapel of B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Drive. Members and friends in the Sacramento area are encouraged to attend the October 8 service, and to become involved in other Sha'ar Zahav activities as well. For further information, contact Stephen Klein at (916) 673-7215.

Update on Israel and Lebanon

Mike Rankin, Vice-President of Sha'ar Zahav, will join a Jewish Community Federation Leadership mission to Israel and Lebanon on September 28. Members of the group will tour Israel and southern Lebanon, and will meet with government and military officials, with Arab village leaders, and Lebanese officials.

Mike will discuss the trip and his impressions after Shabbat services on Friday, October 29, at the JCC.

News From The Committees

Music Chug Reorganized

BOB LEVY, music graduate of Oberlin College, has agreed to chair the new Music Chug. Already included in the new committee are Debbie Mrantz, who has been song-leader at Camp Swig; Dana Vinicoff, whose singing has enriched many of our Friday evening services; Elliott Pilshaw, one of the two BCC cantors from Los Angeles, who will be joining us when he moves permanently to San Francisco; and Peter Hayne, a new member of the Congregation, who has organized and led choirs in Unitarian and Congregational churches.

Adding these new members to the talented group who have been active in the past, Linda, Scott, Dennis, among others—we have the potential for a musical group which will add immeasurably to the beauty of our services, and have a wonderful time doing it.

An organizational meeting will be held the last week in October. Please see Bob Levy or Mike Rankin for details, or call the Synagogue office at 921-7612. Everyone is invited to join, whether or not you've sung in public before.

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee, which has successfully completed its task of preparing advertising and press releases for the High Holy Days is now working on future media campaigns. If you would like to join our little band of spirited and hard-working people, call Mark Feldman at 648-5556.

Upcoming Events

The Social Program Committee is sponsoring two events for members and friends in October.

Saturday, October 9: *Can't Help Lovin'*—a musical play about one of the last days of singer Helen Morgan, starring Weslia Whitfield. Open Theatre, 441 Clement at 6th, 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at services or by writing to the Synagogue at PO Box 5640, SF 94101. \$7 members, \$8 non-members.

Sunday, October 17: Pickup Softball Game and Picnic. Julius Kahn Field. We have the ballfield and picnic area reserved from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arrive anytime you wish and bring your friends. Julius Kahn Field is located on the southern wall of the Presidio. Turn right at the Arguello Gate. Bring your own picnic lunch, drink, charcoal, baseball glove and other athletic equipment if desired. Bats, balls and bases will be provided.

Bikur Cholim

The Bikur Cholim will hold its October meeting on Tuesday the 19th. Please call the Synagogue office at 921-7612 for the time and place. The Bikur Cholim meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Right now we are glowing with the good feelings gained from our High Holy Days visits to the sick and elderly. It would be hard to say whether we or they derive more pleasure from these visits.

Some of our planned projects will be a community resources directory and blood bank drive. To participate in the rewarding undertakings of what we in Bikur Cholim call the "chicken soup committee," we urge you to attend the meeting on the 19th.

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You can be proud to know that there is an outpouring of Jewish concern and financial help, which is coordinated by the American Joint Distribution Committee.

We all feel heavy-hearted at the terrible, tragic loss of life—Lebanese and Israeli. We know that Israel needs our support now, more than ever before, as it seeks to provide its citizens with the long-awaited right to live without the constant threat of terrorist attacks.

Sincerely,
Brian Lurie
Executive Director
Jewish Community Federation

We at Sha'ar Zahav can certainly be proud of our efforts to aid the victims of the terrible tragedy in the Middle East.

Magnes Museum Symposium

On October 12, 13, and 14, the Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum in Berkeley will be holding an international symposium devoted to the life and legacy of Judah L. Magnes, a founder, first Chancellor, and President of the Hebrew University. One of the most original and controversial figures in American and Jewish life in the 20th century, Magnes speaks to us out of the past with the oracular power and moral delicacy of a prophet. For three days, renowned Israeli and American scholars will bring the scholarship and intelligence to bear upon the legacy of a dissenter in Zion, whose life-long concerns continue to be vital and central to our contemporary world. Abba Eban, former Israeli ambassador to the U.S. will be the guest speaker at a gala dinner. For further information and fees for the symposium, call 849-2710.

D.C. Stages *Nice Jewish Girls*

Our sibling congregation in Washington, D.C., Bet Mishpachah, is planning a full stage production of the book *Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology* on October 2. The production will focus on original readings from the book as well as present Jewish lesbian related theater, music and art.

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The way to designate a gift is to request a donor option card and indicate on it the name and address of the agency. United Way awards to gay-oriented organizations is up two-thirds from last year and we need to try to increase that amount this year.

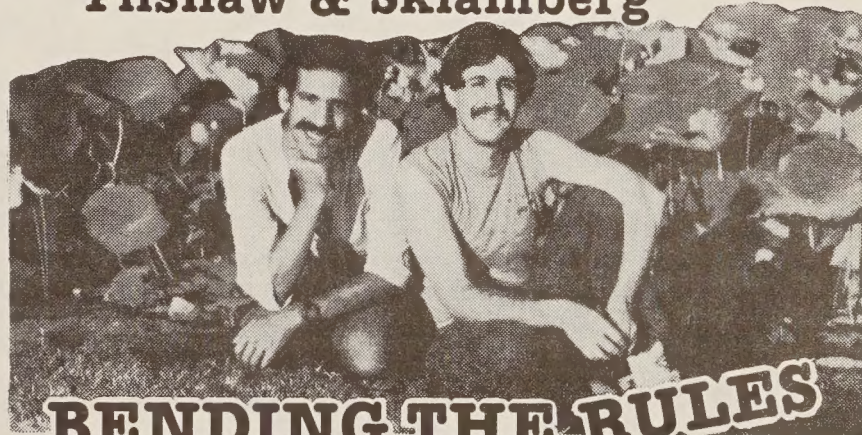
Please consider the designated donor option as a way to strengthen our community.

—Cheryl Orvis

Gay Books for Israel

One of the resolutions passed at the Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews held last July in Los Angeles was that the participants would help our gay and lesbian friends in Israel by sending them reading material that is currently unavailable to them. No bookstores in Israel carry gay and lesbian literature. This can only contribute to the sense of isolation gay and lesbian Israelis feel. You can help by sending literature to the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights in Israel, PO Box 16151, Tel Aviv 61161 or sending a contribution to Leila Berner, Israel Book Project, c/o Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim, 6000 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 90035 and she will purchase appropriate books and send them to Israel.

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Yahrzeits

1	Helen Rosenberg, grandmother of Frank Wheeler
2	(15 Tishri) Arthur Shapiro, grandfather of Linda M.
11	(24 Tishri) Nathan Ogus, father of Irene Ogus
12	(25 Tishri) Sara Marcus, mother of Ben Marcus
21	(4 Heshvan) Julia Roslyn Sharp, niece of Cathy Nelson
24	Samuel Tannenbaum, grandfather of Pete Tannen
24	Dora Spiro, grandmother of Shelley Spiro
30	Minnie Goldfarb, grandmother of Shamir Ophel

Condolences

Norman Burns, on the loss of his grandfather, Moe Harris.

Michael Abbott, on the loss of his father, Bertrand Harris.

Get Well

Bernard Pechter, who is in Mt. Zion Hospital. By the time you read this, we all hope he will be back home and v again.

Gay Games Mazeltov!

Two members of Sha'ar Zahav won medals at the Gay Games held in August. San Francisco men's softball team outfielder **Ron Lezell** won a gold medal as his team won in the finals against Seattle. **Alita Rosenfeld** won a silver medal as a member of the second-place San Rafael women's softball team.

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